

# THE LION KING IN VANCOUVER

August 2025

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The Lion King

The animals are back! *The Lion King* is quite simply one of the biggest phenomena that Broadway has ever seen. Giraffes strut, birds swoop, gazelles leap! The entire savanna comes to life and, as the music soars, Pride Rock slowly rises out of the stage. Marvel at the breathtaking spectacle of animals miraculously brought to life by a cast of over 40 actors. Wonder at the inspiration of award-winning director/designer Julie Taymor, as one of the most successful films in history is stunningly recreated live on stage. Thrill to the pulsating rhythms of the African Pridelands and an unforgettable score featuring songs by Elton John and Tim Rice such as *The Circle of Life*, *I Just Can't Wait to Be King*, and *Hakuna Matata*. This tour stays 2 nights at the popular Inn at the Quay in New Westminster.



SHOW TOUR



ACTIVITY LEVEL

▶ **Departure from:**

▼ **Vancouver Island:** August 25, 2025 - 3 days

▶ **Fares per person**

▼ from **\$1,080** double/twin, **\$1,320** single\*

\*Further pricing details provided on page 2.

▶ **Early Booking Bonus**

**\$40** discount on first 12 seats; **\$20** on next 8.

▶ **Earn 25 Experience Points**



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# DEPARTURE INFORMATION

**Your specific departure point will be confirmed at the time of booking. Passengers travelling from Vancouver Island will begin and end the tour as follows:**

- V Vancouver Island:** After pickups in the Greater Victoria Area, we travel to Vancouver via the ferry from Swartz Bay to Tsawwassen on Monday, August 25. We return to Victoria via the ferry on Wednesday, August 27.
- Departure from Victoria:** Designated pickup points are offered in the Greater Victoria Area. Home pickups may be offered in the Greater Victoria Area to the first 10 passengers for an additional cost.
- Departure from Up-island:** There is an additional cost for transportation from/to Up-island. We can provide transportation from Up-island communities to Victoria on Sunday, August 24. You can organize your own accommodation this evening, or we can book accommodation for you at the Chateau Victoria Hotel at an additional cost. Transportation back to your drop off point Up-island can be provided on Wednesday, August 27.

## FARES PER PERSON

	Departure Point	Fares per Person	Notes
<b>V</b>	Vancouver Island	<b>\$1,080</b> double/twin <b>\$1,320</b> single <b>\$1,015</b> triple	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Please add 5% GST.</li><li>• <b>BC Seniors (65 &amp; over):</b> \$32 discount with BC Services Card.</li></ul>

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

### ▶ Transportation

- Coach transportation for 3 days
- 2 Strait of Georgia ferry crossings

### ▶ Accommodation

- 2 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- Luggage handling at hotel

### ▶ Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director

### ▶ Key Highlights

- Burnaby Village Museum
- Parker Carousel ride
- Fort Langley National Historic Site
- Krause Berry Farm tour with wine tasting
- *The Lion King* at Queen Elizabeth Theatre
- Van Dusen Gardens

*Attractions are subject to change. Please see Tour Policies for more information.*

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### Activity Level 1

**Light Activity:** You are a traveller who prefers to see places without a lot of physical activity. Expect some stairs, mainly to and from your theatre seats. There is some walking at Burnaby Heritage Village, Fort Langley, and Krause Berry Farm.

You may bring a walker or cane to support your mobility. Please let us know when you book if you will be bringing a walker on this tour. The coach cannot carry a scooter or motorized wheelchair. The tour director and driver have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them, or your fellow travellers, to provide ongoing assistance. If you are not capable of keeping up with the group or require frequent assistance, the tour director may stop you from participating in some activities or some days of the tour.



### Tour Size 46

This tour can accommodate 46 participants.





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# ITINERARY

## Monday, August 25

After pickups around Greater Victoria, we ride a midmorning ferry to Tsawwassen. This afternoon, we go to **Burnaby Village Museum**, a recreated 1920s village, made up of heritage and replica buildings. Watch demonstrations at the forge in Wagner’s Blacksmith Shop, learn from Indigenous educators and a Chinese herbalist, step inside the 1893 Love Farmhouse to learn about life on a family farm, climb aboard the 1912 interurban tram, and take a ride on the restored 1912 Parker Carousel. We stay at the Inn at the Quay, built on a pier jutting into the Fraser River. Every room has a view of the river and you can watch all the shipping traffic going by.

**Accommodation:** Inn at the Quay

## Tuesday, August 26

The Hudson’s Bay Company built **Fort Langley** beside the Fraser River in 1827. It traded furs with indigenous people and shipped them to Europe via Cape Horn, as well as providing produce to Russia and California. In 1858, the Fraser River gold rush caused a huge influx of Americans, so Governor James Douglas proclaimed a Crown Colony here. Today, Fort Langley National Historic Site interprets the influence of this strategic post on the province’s history. Afterwards, we visit the **Krause Berry Farm** in Langley which features sustainable and ethical farming practices. A wine tasting session is included. The afternoon is free time. Take a stroll along Westminster Quay or browse the shops in Westminster Market or along Columbia Street. Later, we head downtown to the Queen Elizabeth Theatre and the curtain rises for **The Lion King** at 7:30 pm.

**Accommodation:** Inn at the Quay

## Wednesday, August 27

The morning is free time, then we enjoy the colourful spectacle of the **Van Dusen Gardens**. We take an afternoon ferry to Swartz Bay.

# THE LION KING

*The Lion King* opened on Broadway in 1997 and is still running after more than 10,000 performances. It is Broadway’s third longest running show after *Phantom of the Opera* and *Chicago* and, in September 2014, it surpassed *Phantom* as the highest-grossing musical of all time and current revenue estimates are \$8 billion worldwide. In 1998, *The Lion King* swept the Drama Desk Awards with 11 nominations, winning 8 of them. It also won 6 Tony Awards including Best Musical. The show has played in many countries around the world. It ran for 4 years in Toronto in 2000-2004 and recently opened again in Toronto.

A touring production will be in Vancouver for 4 weeks in August and September. Treat yourself and your family to a memory that will last a lifetime enjoying the musical Time Magazine calls “awe-inspiring! A gorgeous, gasp-inducing spectacle!” This is one of the best pieces of theatre you will ever see. This is *The Lion King*.

Wells Gray Tours has booked excellent seats at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre in Centre Orchestra, rows 17 to 20, and Left Centre Orchestra, rows 17, 18 and 19. Seats are assigned according to the order that customers book this tour.

# TOUR POLICIES

**Payments:** A deposit of \$200 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due July 8, 2025. By paying the deposit, you agree to the [Terms & Conditions](#), Activity Level, and Cancellation Policy outlined. Payments can be made by online banking or cheque (1.5% discount on tour fare), or by Visa or Mastercard.

**Early Booking Bonus:** Receive a \$40 discount on the first 12 seats and \$20 on the next 8 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after July 8, 2025.

**BC Seniors (65 & over):** \$32 discount offered by BC Ferries. Please bring your BC Services Card on the tour.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to June 9, 2025, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From June 10 to July 8, the cancellation charge is \$200 per person (your deposit). From July 9 to July 23, the cancellation charge is 60% of the tour fare. After July 23, there is no refund.

**Itinerary and Fare Changes:** Our many suppliers may notify us about changes to the itinerary prior to departure and sometimes during the tour. We do our best to substitute a similar service if something cancels, but occasionally the only alternative is to provide a refund for the missed activity. Please note that if we are forced to cancel a tour component due to an issue beyond our control, the current penalties still apply if you choose to cancel the entire tour. Fuel surcharges and changes to taxes or other tour costs can occur at any time, therefore Wells Gray Tours reserves the right to increase fares due to such changes up to departure.

**Show cancellation:** It rarely happens, but actors occasionally get sick, or some mishap causes the cancellation of a show. This can occur even shortly before the performance begins. We know that this would be extremely disappointing for our customers, but the only refund we would be able to obtain for you would be the actual ticket price of the show. The hotel, motorcoach,

and other tour services are all prepaid and are non-refundable at short notice.

**Travel Insurance:** A Comprehensive Insurance policy is available through Wells Gray Tours and coverage is provided by Travel Guard. Policies purchased at deposit include a waiver of the pre-existing condition clause for medical and cancellation claims, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. This tour stays in British Columbia. While your BC Services Card may cover you for a medical issue that arises during the tour, you will probably benefit from trip cancellation and trip interruption coverage in case of illness or a mishap before or during the tour. Many other benefits such as luggage insurance are included. Medical questionnaire is not needed. Please contact us for details. If you have your own travel insurance, please read the policy carefully to be sure that you are adequately covered for cancellation, interruption, and luggage.

**Food Allergies:** You must notify us no later than at final payment if you have a food allergy. An allergy causes medical distress, a preference does not. For some allergies, please consider bringing your own snacks or food items so you are not dependent on what restaurants are able to serve.

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**Experience Points or E-points:** This tour earns 25 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn e-points that are added to your account after the tour returns. One e-point equals \$1. Redeem your points on tours longer than 3 days. You can accumulate enough points to earn a free tour (this tour eligible until July 8, 2025).

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